

LEADER IN PINAL COUNTY PASSES AT HOME IN FLORENCE

Former Judge J. E. O'Connor Dies at Home After Long Illness; Was Well Known in the Southwest

Former Judge James E. O'Connor, former district attorney and superior judge of Pinal county, passed away at his home in Florence county early yesterday morning after a long illness due to heart trouble and other complications. The funeral will be held at Florence at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

James Edward O'Connor was born in San Mateo county, Cal., on February 29, 1845. His parents, James and Ellen O'Connor, were pioneers of California, having reached that state in the early fifties. Judge O'Connor's early education was acquired by study while working as a tanner and at the Oak Mount academy of Napa, Cal. He taught in the public schools of Napa from 1869 to 1873, inclusive, studying law when he had time. He was admitted to the bar in 1872 and thereafter practiced at Napa, Madera and San Jose.

In December, 1898, Mr. O'Connor came to Arizona, locating at Florence, and at once took a prominent part in the legal and political life of the state. He was appointed district attorney and was re-elected each term until statehood was gained by Arizona, when he was elected judge for the county of Pinal, which place he held until 1916.

In 1908, Judge O'Connor was married to Miss Lillian Hefogle and to them six children have been born, all of whom survive him.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves two brothers, W. A. O'Connor, superior judge at Nogales, and Andrew O'Connor of Nogales, and two sisters, Mrs. A. L. Wiseman of Oakland and Mrs. A. C. Wrenn of Florence. His brother Andrew was with him at the time of his death and the other brother drove up from Nogales yesterday, arriving in Florence last evening. Mrs. Wiseman arrived in Phoenix from Oakland last evening and will leave for Florence on this morning's train.

Judge O'Connor was well known in fraternal circles, being a member of the Elks and the Odd Fellows. For ten years he was grand master workman of Arizona and New Mexico for the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He was well known in Phoenix, having sat in many cases tried here, among them the famous Higgins trial.

WALTHALL GETS SPLENDID STOCK

Henry B. Walthall, motion picture celebrity, loves his art but he also has another affinity. He is enamored with prize stock, indicative of the truth of which his recent selection of four blooded beasts, gleaned from a careful search in distant lands, which have been sent to the J. W. Walthall ranch near Scottsdale.

One, a registered Guernsey cow, imported from the Isle of Guernsey, has been added to Mr. Walthall's dairy herd, together with a Guernsey bull of the same stock, while a pair of Berkshire hogs also have been added to the Walthall live stock collection.

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FOUR BEAUTIES OF THE BETTER BABY STATE
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Agnes Marie Fraser, Francis Augustus Douglas, Marie Josephine Parsons and Warren Herbert Durkee were numbered among the delicious little of tiny humanity who were awarded prizes at the state fair better babies contest. Their likenesses are smiling through the columns of The Republican today.

Edna Christina Lindstrom, gold medal baby, appeared in a recent edition.

Agnes Marie Fraser, one year and eight months, with a percentage of 98, was declared to be the best city girl baby. The little one is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm A. Fraser. She was accorded the distinction of being the most nearly perfect girl child reared in the larger cities of the state.

Mary Josephine Parsons, held to be the best country girl, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Parsons of 1319 East McKinley street. She was born November 15, 1915, at which time she weighed eight pounds. She is now two years old and weighs 33 pounds. She is very active and enjoys out of door amusements immensely. Even at this early age she shows a marked tendency toward becoming an enthusiastic motorist as she is never quite satisfied unless she has a hand on the wheel.

Francis Augustus Douglas, whom the judges found to be the best country boy, was born in Mesa, October 13, 1915. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Douglas. At birth the youngster

weighed 8 1/2 pounds and was an unusually strong baby. At the age of three months he was able to sit alone and walked at the age of 11 months. He is now permitted to eat anything he chooses, although his parents eschew an over abundance of meat and eggs. He is allowed all the milk he can drink and has never had any serious sickness. Francis Augustus is fair as a Saxon, with a beautiful clear complexion, blue eyes and light hair. He now weighs 26 pounds and is 23 inches high. He was second in his class in the 1915 fair and his score was 98.5 in the 1917 state fair. He plays in the open air altogether and is very fond of animals. He is an unusually affectionate child and his dad and mother are mighty proud of him.

Warren Herbert Durkee, who won a pink ribbon at the fair, was nine months old at the time he was entered. His percentage was 95.5. Warren Herbert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Durkee. He was declared to be an exceptionally good looking youngster and is an unusually sturdy little chap.

NOVELTY DANCE BEING PLANNED

The Woodmen Circle always does things differently. While other organizations are content with giving dances without frills or features, this enterprising auxiliary of the Woodmen of the World is constantly "thinking up" new ideas and putting them into effect.

That is how it comes about that the next regular Wednesday evening dance of the Circle at Patrick hall will take on a new and unusual feature. It will be a combination masquerade ball and "merchants' costume" dance. This means that some will appear in masquerade while others will appear in the garb usually affected by tradesmen of one sort or another.

Suitable prizes will be given for the best sustained character and for the most cleverly masqued. The music as usual will be of a high order. These dances are becoming more and more popular and, given under the auspices of such a well known organization, have nothing of an objectionable character.

CLOSED CARS ARE SHOWN AT ROPER'S

One of the first displays of the season composed entirely of closed cars and winter tops, may be seen in the show rooms of the R. D. Roper motor company on Central avenue. Maxwell and Chalmers cars are featured in the setup, which is one of the most attractive seen here recently.

The brand new quarters now occupied by the R. D. Roper company, with the big plate glass front, afford ample light to properly show the cars, while the general appearance of the place tends greatly to augment the effect of the display.

PRIMARY FORENOON WORK IS EXTENDED

The first grade of the Primary Forenoon school have completed half of the first year's work under the direction of Mrs. Redewill, and after Christmas she will carry the class through to the second grade. On January 2, Mrs. Parsons will start a beginning class in

LAWYERS READY TO AID DRAFTED MEN ON QUESTIONNAIRE

Lawyers who are associate members of the legal advisory board will be constantly in attendance at the library room on the second floor of the court house in Phoenix from 9 o'clock in the forenoon to 5 o'clock in the afternoon of every week day, for the purpose of assisting men who are called upon to fill out the questionnaire. The government wishes all men to secure their aid in order that proper and exact information may be had in answer to the questions. The service is free. Lawyers J. C. Phillips, J. C. Forrest, Charles B. Ward, Paul R. Ingles and R. L. Vaughn will be in attendance Monday and Tuesday, December 17 and 18. Other lawyers will be appointed for the succeeding days.

Attention of the lawyers of Maricopa county is called to the following telegrams:

"It is of paramount importance to the selective features of the draft and to the effective employment of the man power of the army that the occupational qualifications of every registrant be set forth with precision in his questionnaire. Therefore the registrant's answers to series 1, question 3, page 4 must without fail specify his

the first grade work. The class rooms are at 1113 North Third street, the same rooms occupied by the Congressional bible class.

CANAL SEARCH FOR REMAINS OF FOLSTON UNPRODUCTIVE AS YET

At the end of a day's search along the canal banks, the authorities were forced to admit their disappointment that the body of Kenneth C. Folston had not been found. They have not abandoned all hope of the canal giving up the remains of the man who disappeared mysteriously on November 20, for the Arizona canal had not run dry when darkness made it necessary to postpone the search until this morning. At 8 o'clock another posse will leave the court house and by noon the ride along the bank will be concluded. If the body is not found there remains nothing further for the officers to do

particular job with his industry, by answering, for example, not merely railroad man, but tracklayer or trainman or car shop repairer. Assistants should be instructed to secure for that question and answer as specific as if made to questions 4, 9 and 10 in series 11, page 12, unless registrant has already fully answered these questions. If questionnaires filed are not specific enough, boards should secure adequate answers under section 100, paragraph 2, before proceeding to classify."

"Please advise all associate members legal advisory board to enter on left hand margin of front page of questionnaire of registrant to whom they give assistance the following: 'And given by me,' and sign the name of member followed by words, 'Permanent member or associate member,' as the case may be."

but resume the search that has been so thoroughly made of mountain and desert sections of the county.

Every canal in the county, even the "town ditch," have been dragged. The Grand canal ran dry early yesterday morning and by noon the search along its bank was exhausted, and efforts were directed toward the Arizona canal. There were parties scattered all along the canal including among others the two brothers of the missing man, Ben Folston, with whom he came west six weeks before he dropped from view, and Herbert Folston, who arrived from Oregon last week to assist in solving the mystery which is baffling the authorities.

All the circumstances surrounding Folston's disappearance point toward murder. He had come here a health seeker and had greatly improved in his short stay here. He had never been dependent and seemed particularly happy in Phoenix. The fact that he had drawn \$300 from the bank the day of his disappearance indicates that he was murdered with robbery for the motive, say the authorities.

SUBMARINE CHASER RAMMED

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The navy department tonight confirmed unofficial reports that a small submarine chaser had been rammed and sunk off the Atlantic coast last Tuesday. The from Illinois and Rose from Baltimore

WRECK INQUIRY TO BE MADE BY STATE CORPORATION BODY

An official inquiry into the causes of the wreck on the Santa Fe railroad Friday afternoon, when five cars of a freight train went through the Agua Fria bridge, injuring one man so that he died two hours later, was yesterday ordered by the state corporation commission.

The inquiry was set for 2 o'clock on next Wednesday afternoon, all officials and employees of the railroad having knowledge of the disaster being cited to appear and testify at that time.

The man who was fatally injured in the wreck was C. F. Kizer of Prescott, derrick engineer, who was riding on his derrick car being a part of the train and near the front. The injured man was taken to Glendale for treatment, but died about 6 o'clock that same afternoon.

Different causes were assigned for the accident and it will be the effort of the corporation commission to arrive at the true one and to learn to whom the blame is due for the wreck.

Crew was saved. The department also announced that Gunner Arthur B. Toerpe and Seaman Thomas J. Rose were drowned Wednesday when a naval patrol vessel was sunk by a steamship off an Atlantic port. Toerpe came from Illinois and Rose from Baltimore.

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